



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Norikazu ARAI et al.

Serial No.:

10/824,758

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Objective Optical Element, Optical Pickup

Device, and Optical Information Recording and

Reproducing Device

Examiner: EDUN, Mohammad N.

Group Art: 2627

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION **OF SPECIES**

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Office Action of February 21, 2007. A check in the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the government fee for a two-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species applicants submit as follows:

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Applicants hereby elect the specie shown in Fig. 1 for further prosecution in the above-captioned application.

Claims 8-13, 21, 27-30 and 36 are readable on the specie shown in Fig. 1.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application prior to issuance of a patent on the instant application.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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